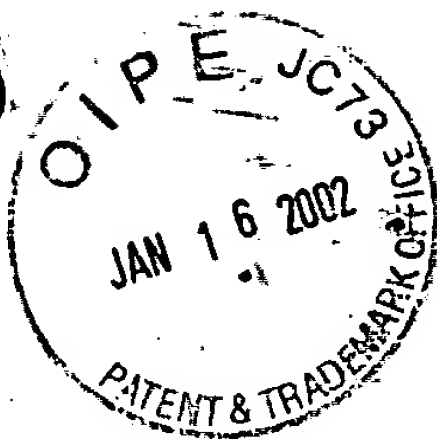


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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIRA KURIYAMA ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/986,251

Filed: November 8, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)  
DECOMPOSING POLLUTANT

Examiner: ~~Not Yet Assigned~~ Wong

Group Art Unit: 1741

January 15, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following. A marked-up copy of the originally filed Abstract showing the changes thereto is attached.

--An apparatus for decomposing a pollutant that includes a case for housing a subject to be treated, a light irradiation device for irradiating the subject with light, and a light reflecting unit for reflecting the light irradiated by the light irradiation device. The light reflecting unit is arranged so as to reflect light passing through the subject to thereby irradiate the subject with the reflected light. A method for decomposing a pollutant by housing a subject to